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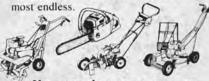
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- 8-IVAN PUTSKI
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MANNY FERNANDEZ

TAMPA, FL—In a surprise move, the NWA named Manny Fernandez number one contender to champion Harley Race.

Citing Fernandez's continued improvement and willingness to meet any and all opponents, the NWA seemed to slight Dusty Rhodes. At least Rhodes thinks so.

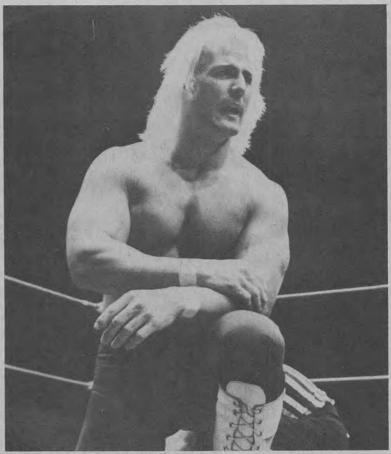
'Nothing against Fernandez," said Dusty, "he's a fine wrestler. But I think I deserve that position. What can I do? I'll just have to wrestle that much harder."

-Barry Simon (Continued on page 52)

Never before in this history of wrestling journalism have so many respected reporters been involved in so important a venture. The best wrestling correspondents from all over the world have been enlisted to report on the news behind the news. Every wrestling fan must consider this the most important column he can read!







Idol kneels in the ring, soaking up the cheers of the fans (above). Austin clamps his massive arms around his opponent's head (below left) and leaves the ring with one of the many belts he has held (below right).

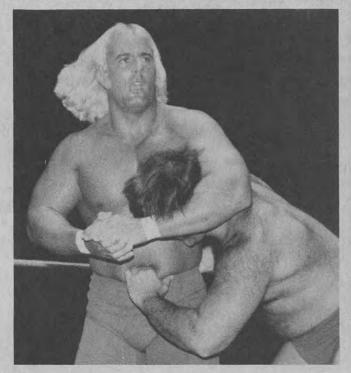
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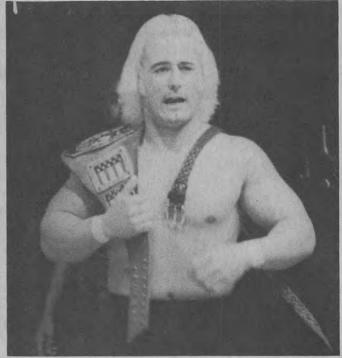
"I'd finished beatin' up on Tommy Rich. Naturally, the match took a few minutes," said Idol, propping both feet upon the

desk. "As I walked down the aisle, fans shouted things at me.

"Hell, I've heard 'em all 10 times over and there shouldn't have been any reason for me to be bothered by it. But the old cliche of the straw breaking the camel's back, well, maybe this one night of booing hurt me more than ever. Got me to thinking."

Idol poured a glass of diet soda. (Continued on page 12)





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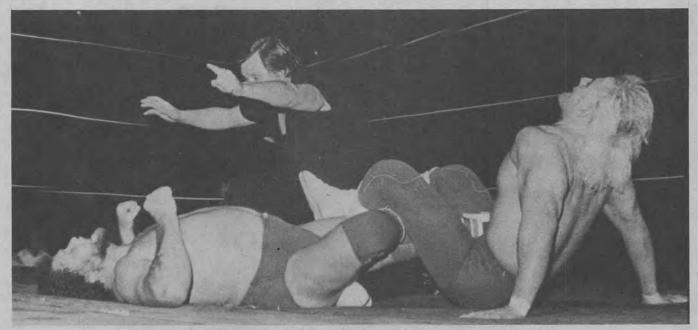
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WRESTLER OF THE MONTH

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The referee asks Harley Race if he would like to submit to Idol's figure four leglock (above). Race fouled to escape the hold and retain his NWA title. Idol shouts to his fans as he prepares to piledrive Race (below).

"I reviewed what I was doin' and where I wanted to go. Any rule-breaker who says fan boos don't bother him is a ball-faced liar," said Idol, face reddening. "You can say fans mean chicken feathers all you want, but that's just not the truth."

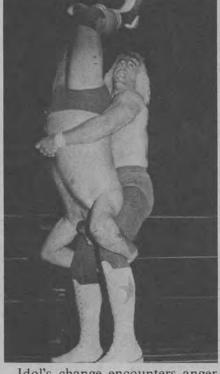
"You hear 'em. Oh boy, do you ever hear 'em. You hear the children screaming stuff and the little girls glaring at you when you return to the dressing room. More than that, you feel their hate. Nothin' pleasant about hate."

Idol sipped the soda and changed the record, dropping a Willie Nelson album onto the turntable.

"I'm not turnin' into a saint or something. Hell, that's kinda tough," said Idol, grinning. "But I care what fans say and think. I'll tell you, they've surprised me. All this time I thought a bunch of retards bought tickets. Not so. Those fans are sharp and give me some real solid advice."

Austin Idol, fan favorite.

"Has a nice ring to it, huh?" Idol smiled, shaking his head. "Yeah, a real nice ring."



Idol's change encounters anger and skepticism from all quarters of Georgia wrestling.

"That gutless creep couldn't handle the violence," growled Baron Von Raschke, Idol's former tag team partner. "Anyone with guts wrestles the real man's way. Now Idol can be a puny wimp like Rich and II."

Can't wait to wrestle him," said Mark Lewin. "I'll scalp him and hang his hair from my belt."

Understandably, scientific wrestlers offered caution and wariness.

"I've had my troubles with Idol. I'm always glad to see someone wake up, but, well, you gotta understand I can't change my opinion of someone in an hour," said Rich.

"Austin Idol possesses great talent and I'm glad to hear he's decided to wrestle as a scientific wrestler," said Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods. "Let's see how long this lasts.

Daring to change, to improve oneself reveals courage and character. The editors of SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING never thought they'd use such words to describe Idol. But we are pleased to recognize his tough decision and award him "Wrestler of the Month."

"Come on, give the kid a chance," said Mr. Wrestling II. "So he's made mistakes. We all make mistakes. Give him a break and let him work this out. Who knows, this could shoot Idol right to the top."





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Bob Backlund is a champion both in and out of the ring, writes Kevin Skupenski. Kevin believes Backlund will hold the belt for a long time.

BOB BACKLUND—CHAMPION

The best wrestler in the WWF is Bob Backlund. He's a great wrestler in every respect. He has poise, talent, quickness, confidence, and strength. He doesn't brag like Ken Patera and Hulk Hogan. He's a champion inside the ring and out.

And he's a great personality. He's a scientific wrestler, but when his opponent starts using horrible tactics, Backlund can dish it out just as hard.

Backlund's held the belt for over two years and I think he'll hold the belt for many years to come. Backlund never quits until the referee raises his hand for victory. When I see the champion's hand raised in triumph, I think, "There's a real champion."

Bob takes pride in his work and earns every cent he makes. By now, Backlund has faced every rulebreaker around and gave them matches they'll remember for years to come.

> KEVIN SKUPENSKI Lower Burrell, Pa.

LUCKY TO BE THERE

I would like to thank your magazine for its coverage of the "Greatest Tag Team Tournament in History" (July/1980). I was one of the lucky ones able to witness that great day. It was surely the greatest tournament in wrestling history. I'm very happy to relive that day from the photo by Roger Deem. Again, thanks.

SHAWN SWAGLER Des Moines, IA

GOOD FOR THEM!

So often, wrestling officials fail to support the good, clean matches which are the basis of all wrestling. But "The Title Match the NWA Refused to Sanction" (August/1980) showed otherwise and demonstrated true courage on the part of the NWA officials.

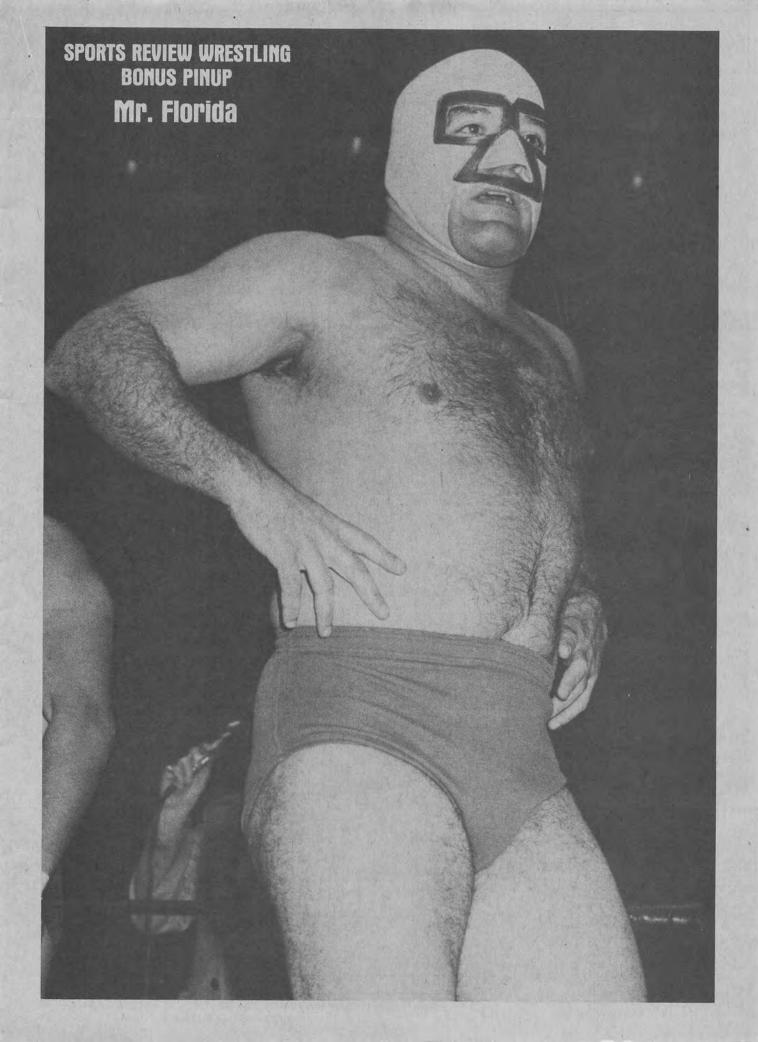


Mia Bishop feels that scientific matches are the backbone of the sport and that the NWA should do all it can to support clean wrestlers.

Lou Thesz has a lot of class, just the opposite of Harley Race, who'll slither and snivel out of any tough situation like the gutless coward all the world knows him to be.

Tony Atlas deserves fair treatment because he treats all his foes fairly. My faith in wrestling has been restored.

MIA BISHOP Kew Gardens, NY (Continued on page 18)







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The Outlaws 10 years ago (above) and The Outlaws today (right). Reader Alex Cleary was glad to see Dick Murdoch and Dusty Rhodes reunite.

ALBANO'S A JOKE

That fat overblown balloon Lou Albano gives me some of my real good laughs. That slob is such a joke he makes intelligent men like Arnold Skoaland appear true geniuses by comparison.

"Your article, "Lou Albano: More Savage Than The Samoans" (August/1980), didn't persuade me that Albano is anything more than a big mouth. No way in the world he could be as ferocious as The Samoans. Those guys are almost cannibals. Albano still needs salt and ketchup to eat his glasses.

BARRY HOUK Hartford, CT

SCRAPBOOK A GREAT FEATURE

Your featured column "Scrapbook" really thrills and fascinates me. I genuinely look forward to this return to the glory moments in professional wrestling every time I buy a copy of SPORTS REVIEW WRESTLING.



Only a publishing company with your exhaustive resources and tireless writers could produce such an excellent, informative, and entertaining column. Once again, I'm convinced your magazines rank number one and all the rest are clustered around the number three slot.

LANA WILPON San Antonio, TX

HURRAH FOR THE OUTLAWS

One of the saddest days of my wrestling fan life occurred

when Dick Murdoch and Dusty Rhodes dissolved their terrific tag team, The Outlaws. I understand why they had to disband. Individual ambitions sometime take over in a tag team, but it was good they were able to part friends.

Reuniting The Outlaws gave fans as much pleasure as it did Rhodes and Murdoch. There'll always be a place in America for teams like The Outlaws, men who live and die by their fists.

> ALEX CLEARY Montgomery, AL □

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The "Question of the Month" is:

"If you hadn't gone into wrestling, what profession would you have chosen?"

Submitted by: Steve Ledner; Northport, New York



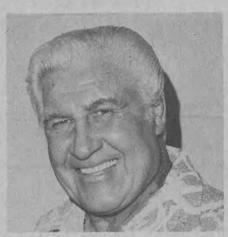
NICK BOCKWINKEL

"Well, I could have done many things. A man of my immense skills and genius would have no trouble succeeding in any field as I've succeeded in wrestling. But if I had to take one profession, I'd take brain surgeon. Only a genius could successfully operate on brains."



TOMMY RICH

"When I was a little tyke, I always wanted to be a singer. Yeah, that'd be real neat, getting up on stage and kinda strumming the guitar, singing a nice ballad and suddenly wailing away and chugging on some real fine rock song. Yeah, a singer."



FRED BLASSIE

"President of the United States, nothing more and nothing less. With my dashing looks and sexy voice and elegant appearance and brilliant mind, well, only a pencil-neck geek would dare not vote for me. I'd turn this country around so fast there'd be 30 million dizzy spells."



CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO

"I'd be a four-star general in the United States Army. The military needs great, brave men like me without fear, men who risk their lives and dare to risk and laugh at death for the sake of glory. I would lead men into combat without blinking an eye."

RS ANSWER OF THE MONTH



MR. WRESTLING II

"The restaurant business has always appealed to me for a number of reasons. First of all, I'd deal with people and I love people. Serving people gives a a man great satisfaction. And I'm a big nutrition nut. Good food can make a big difference in the mental outlook. And I'd serve fine food."



AUSTIN IDOL

"A sex symbol. Which I already am. Dig? But I coulda been a movie star, the idol of millions of screaming fans wantin' nothin' better than to tear my clothes offa me. Hell, I coulda been the next Bogart or Redford. And I'm better looking than any of those turkeys, dig?"



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

"You know, I love children. Maybe I could have been a teacher, a gym teacher or maybe even an English teacher. I love a good book. Doggone, I read Moby Dick 11 times and would love to share that with little children."



HARLEY RACE

"I don't know. It'd have to be something with my hands. Thinking about it, maybe I could've been a carpenter or even an architect. I love building. In my spare time, I like to putter around the house and stain furniture. I'll tell you, staining wood gives me a thrill."



RICK STEAMBOAT

"I think pro football would be interesting. I was always good in sports and could have been a real good linebacker. Nothing like smacking the ballcarrier to the ground or intercepting a pass to give you a good feeling. Almost as good as smashing Greg Valentine to the mat."



BOB BACKLUND

"If I hadn't gone into wrestling, I'd probably be an optometrist. Eyes fascinate me. I'll never forget how amazed I was during my first eye test, the whole principle of correcting defective eyes. Plus I'd be doing good things for people."

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It was simply titled "WRESTLING." And it was the first serious attempt to establish a magazine devoted entirely to professional wrestling which had a regular frequency and a world-wide distribution. The five issues of WRESTLING magazine are perhaps the most sought-after collector's back issues now made available to you.

MARCH 1951-Human Side, Wrestling Whirl, How to Wrestle, New Faces, Popularity Ratings, Strangler Lewis' Life, Sumo Wrestling, Yukon Eric's Life, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Strong Arms, June Byers' Life, George Hackenschmidt vs. \$30

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five Issues, WRESTLING magazine changed its name to BOXING & WRESTLING. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.



NOV. 1951 Boxing— John L Sullivan, TV Favorites, Lew Jenkens, News of the Month, Joe Louis Kayoes Lee Savold, How's Business, Harry Greb, Jimmy Carter Wins Lightweight Crown, Can Robinson Beat Maxim, Historic Photos, Jack Dempsey Record, Results of the Month, Cartoon. Wrestling-Superman

Thesz, Girl Star Nell Stewart, Ratings, The Garibaldi Clan, Bert Assirati, Greatest Matches, Gus Sonnenberg Beats Strangler Lewis

DECEMBER 1951 Boxing-Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin. Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges

Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pat Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month. Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings

(Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

Wreatling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl,

Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to
Improve Wrestling, Ratings

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MARCH-APRIL 1952 Boxing-Fights of the Month, Million Dollar Gates, Gene Tunney's Record, Heavyweights of 1952, Trouble with Boxing, Jim Jeffries, Henry Armstrong, Dumb Dan Morgan, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Tex Rickard Story, Ezzard Charles, Jimmy Carter vs. Art Aragon

Mrestling—Fred Von Schacht, Frank Gotch Record, Midgets, Wrestling Whirl, Millie Stafford, Matches of Month, Max Baer in Wrestling, Ratings, Promoter Billy Thom of Indianapolis, Good Old Days \$25

MAY 1952 Boxing-Fights of the Month, Greatest Heavyweights, Johnny Dundee, Harry Matthews, Ratings, Benny Leonard's Record, Tex Rickard Story, Kid Gavilan, Battling Nelson vs. Ad Wolgast Classic, Tommy Burns, New N.Y. Boxing Commissioner Bob Christenberry, Bobby Dykes

Wrestling-Whipper Watson, Old Timers, Wrestling Whirl, Verne Gagne, Great Gama, Matches of Month, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Strangler Lewis, Girl Wrestling in JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico

Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

JULY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos,

Norman Hayes, Ratings Wrestling—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old

AUGUST 1952 Boxing — Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Arauji, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing — Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel. Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler. Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello Wrestling-Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whiri, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

DECEMBER 1952 Boxing—Rocky Marciano, Highlights. Rex Layne Beats Ezzard Charles, etc., Fighting French, Johnny Bratton, Jackie 'Kid' Berg, Boxing Humor, Tommy Garr, Comparing old and new greats, Dave Davey, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Dressing Room Drama, Dramatic Incidents Wrestling—Killer Kowalski, Record of Gene Stanlee, Jack Flanagan, Joe Louis Story, Promoter Sam Silverman, Cleveland Williams, Boxing Jinxes, Jack Delaney, Ratings, What Makes a Champion, Johnny Risko

Wrestling—The Buddy Rogers Story, Fred Atkins, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Mule Kick Marlin, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Matt Kosternich, Fred Atkins, Rick Starr, Lou Thesz vs. Gene Stanlee

APRIL 1953 Boxing-Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello; Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undefeated Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillog. Jack Dillon

Wrestling—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds

MAY 1953 BoxIng-Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlle White

Muddle, Charlie White
Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of
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OCTOBER* 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month. Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings, Wrastling—Leo Nomeillini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30 Holds

DECEMBER 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Marciano kayoes Roland LaStarza (title), Fights of Month, Referee's Problem. Tony Galento and Manager Joe Jacobs, Philadelphia History, Five Best Lightweight Bets, Middleweight History, Battling Siki, Primo Camera Kills Ernie Schaaf, Jimmy Slattery, Ratings Wrestling—Lucky Simonovich, Ratings, Mighty Atlas, Reggie Lisowski, Yvon Robert, Mataches of Month, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$30

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O'Reilly, Ratings, June Byers, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Tough Way To Make A Living, Hollywood Promoter Hugh Nichols \$30

JANUARY 1953 Boxing—Marciano wins title from Walcott, Highlights of Month, The Negro in Boxing, Tommy Collins, Max Baer Story, Ted 'Kid' Lewis, Johnny Gonsalves, Managers' Mistakes, Ratings, Kid Herman, Sparring Partners, Gerald Dryer, Human Punching Bags Wrestling—Fred Atkins, Rocca's Record, Disgusted Fans, Ratings, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Ronnie Etchinson, Matches of Month, Al "Dragon" Tucker \$40

MARCH 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Highlights (Ezzard Charles Beats Cesar Brion; Johnny Bratton over Joe Miceli), New Jersey Champions in Every Division, Glen FEBRUARY 1954 Boxing-Fighting Talk, Fights of Month Nino Valdez, Mickey Walker, Hein Ten Hoff, Featherweight History, Boxing Quiz, Luther McCarty, Joe Louis vs. Bob Pastor, Jack Johnson vs. Tommy Burns, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, Ratings

Ratings—Bill Melby, Primo Carnera, Matches of Month, Raphael Halpern—The Wrestling Rabbi, Ratings, Len Hughes, Fan Clubs, Leo Nomellini, Wrestling Whirl, Remember When

MARCH 1954 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, 'Red Top' Davis, Bantamweight History, Commissioner Frank Wiener, Earl Wals, Ratings, Power of Punch, Bat Battalino vs. Kid Chocolate, Amateurs, Your Boxing I.Q., Ace Hudkins

Wrestling-Dennis Clary, Sandor Kovacs, Ratings, Dory

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MAY 1954 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Former Champions Speak Out, Fights of Month, Rocky Castillo, Joey Glambra, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Burns, Billy Peacock, Henry Armstrong Wins Title From Petey Sarron, Training, Boxing Ouiz, Jimmy Wilde, Ratings Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Eric Pederson, Trading

Top Money Makers, Tarzan White, Matches of Month, Duke Keomaka, Fan Clubs, Remember When\$35

JULY 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, French Invasion, Archie Moore Can Beat Marciano, Bat Masterson, Gil Turner, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Holly Mims, Vince Dundee vs. Len Harvey, Vince Martinez, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings, Bud Taylor Wrestling — Tor Yamato, The Larsen Brothers, New Jersey

Stars, Ida Mae Martinez, Matches of Month, Frank Jaras Gossip, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl

AUGUST 1954 Boxing-Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Marciano vs. Charles Fight, Fight of Month, Manager Al Weill, Britain's John Sullivan, Al Davis, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Ratings, Battling Nelson's Life, Vince Martinez, Benny Leonard vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Carmine Fiore, Joe Lynch, Quiz

Wrestling-Ray Eckert, Ratings, 'Treacherous' Phillips, June Byers, Matches of Month, Gypsy Joe, Gossip, Trading Holds \$35

OCTOBER 1954 Boxing-Eddie Borden Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giardello Says He'll Kayo Bobo Olson, Harry Greb's Life, Cisco Andrade, Weighing Ins, Tiberio Mitri Kayoes Randy Turpin, Jack Dempsey vs. Bill Brennan, Walter Cartier, TV is Killing Boxing, Quiz, Ratings, Lew Tendler

Wrestling—Bobo Brazii, Gloria Barratini, Results of Month, Al Kashey, Wrestling Whirl, Rocky Columbo, Light Heavyweight Champs, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$35

NOVEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Can Marciano Be Beaten? Sam Langford's Life, Al Andrews, Managers Art Winch & Sam Plan, Billy Lauderdale, Max Schmeling vs. Harry Thomas, Carmelo Costa, Quiz, Ratings, Promoter Norm Rothschild, Stanley Ketchel vs. Jack O'Brien, Maxie Rosenbloom

Wrestling—Nell Stewart, Baron Leone, Canadian Champs, Enrique Torres, Matches of Month, Art Neilson, Wrestling Whirl, Dick Raines-Abe Kashey Feud, Gossip

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing-Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics DECEMBER 1954 BoxIng—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Lite, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling White Cassin Fan Clubs.

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FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

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AUGUST 1965

Bruno Sammartino downed Dr. Bill Miller in 48 seconds at Madison Square Garden and cleared \$35,000 in a winner-take-all match. Sammartino, angered by an altercation with Miller a week earlier in which the two exchanged blows, jumped Miller from behind as the opening bell sounded and won with a crunching bearhug. Later, in the dressing room, a dejected Miller said:



Bill Miller turns his back on Bruno Sammartino as the bell rings—a move that would cost him the match.

"I'll never turn my back on him again. Next time we meet, there'll be no referee and no holds barred." . . . Crusher defeated Mad Dog Vachon in St. Paul, Minnesota, to win the AWA





Crusher celebrates after winning the AWA championship from Mad Dog Vachon (above left). Haystacks Calhoun uses his weight against Japan's Strong Kobayashi (above right).

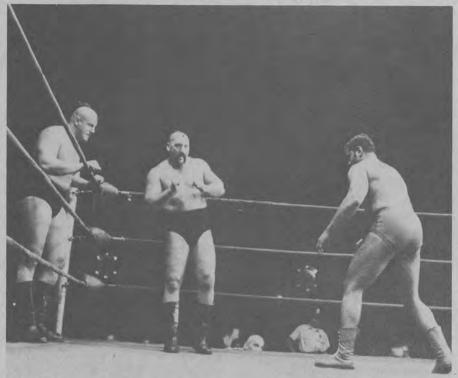
championship. Mad Dog reigned as champion only three months after defeating Mighty Igor in May . . . Young Tim Woods thrilled AWA fans with his highflying aggressive style . . . Ray Gunkle made a strong challenge for Lou Thesz's NWA title, but came up short ... Haystacks Calhoun began making plans for an extended tour of Japan. "I never had so much fun in my life as I did while I was in Tokyo last year," the 600pounder said. "It doesn't make any difference to them whether a man is Japanese, Chinese, Russian, or American, as long as he is a talented athlete." . . . The WWF shelled out \$10,000 to

replace Bruno Sammartino's diamond-studded championship belt that was stolen from his car while he dined in New York City. RATINGS: 1-Lou Thesz; 2-Bruno Sammartino; 3-Crusher; 4-Bill Watts: 5-Johnny Powers; 6-Johnny Valentine; 7-Fritz Von Erich: 8-Waldo Von Erich: 9-Eddie Graham; 10-Bruiser. TAG TEAMS: 1-Ray Stevens & Pat Patterson; 2-Aldo Bogni & Bronco Lubich; 3-The Von Brauners; 4-The Assassins; 5-Bill Watts & Gorilla Monsoon; 6-George & Sandy Scott; 7-Don Leo Jonathan & Jim Hady; 8-John Henning & Pat O'Connor; 9-Pepper Gomez & Ricky Romero; 10-Larry Hennig & Harley Race.

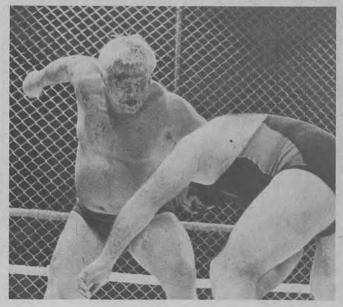
AUGUST 1970

The Mongols (combined weight 585 pounds) ripped right through all competition in the WWF. Having already captured the tag team titles from Victor Rivera and Tony Marino, the Mongols, under their new manager Lou Albano, wanted nothing less than to bring added business to the area's hospitals. The fans cried out for heavyweight champion Bruno Sammartino to put an end to the terror-and Bruno responded. For the first time in several years, Bruno did not defend his title at Madison Square Garden. Instead, he defended the entire federation. Before 17,864 fans, Bruno and Victor Rivera gave the Mongols the worst beating they ever took. Though one fall was won on disqualification and the title did not change hands, the fans gave their favorites a standing ovation for their work . . . On that same card. Crusher Verdu defeated Gorilla Monsoon when the 400pounder could not beat a 10count back into the ring...In Chicago, Mad Dog and Butcher Vachon defended their AWA tag team title by defeating Crusher and Bruiser two out of three falls in a steel cage... Verne Gagne retained his AWA championship by taking two out of three falls from hated Baron Von Raschke... A battle between two of the all-time greats, Bobo Brazil and

Dr. Bill Miller, ended in a 20-minute draw... Ray Stevens scored the biggest victory of his career when he defeated his former tag team partner, Pat Patterson, for the U.S. championship in San Francisco... Jack Brisco continued to climb the NWA ratings (Dory Funk Jr. reigned as champion) with a victory over Dale Lewis in Tampa.



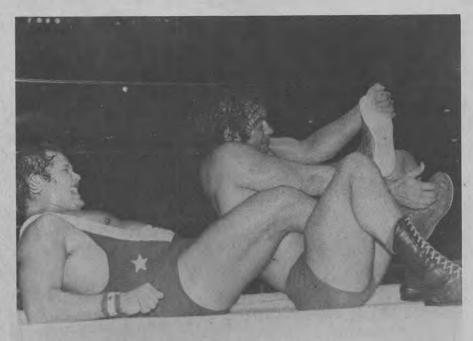
Gito Mongol seeks the protection of brother Bepo as Victor Rivera backs him into the corner (above). Mad Dog and Butcher Vachon narrowly escaped with their AWA tag team titles after a cage match with Crusher and Bruiser (below left). Pat Patterson and Ray Stevens (below right) were once a feared tag team combination.





AUGUST 1975

A capacity crowd at the West Palm Beach Auditorium saw NWA champion Jack Brisco and challenger Bob Roop battle to a classic 60minute draw. The two former NCAA champions gave a display of scientific wrestling never before seen in a professional match in Florida . . . In Tampa, Roop threw away the rulebook to try to take advantage of young Bob Backlund, Before Backlund was seriously injured, however, the current WWF champ received help from Terry Funk! . . . In Boston, Spiros Arion and Bruno Sammartino were battling outside the ropes, on the arena floor, when Spiros beat the WWF champion into the ring before the "20" count . . . Jimmy and Johnny Valiant failed in their attempt to regain the WWF tag team titles from Victor Rivera and Dom DeNucci . . . Bobby Heenan nearly bled to death when he tried to interfere in a match on behalf of Ray Stevens. The incident occurred when Stevens battled Pepper Gomez in a steel cage match. As Gomez began to take the advantage, Heenan climbed into the ring and tried to attack Gomez with a plastic knife. Gomez, though, was prepared for the attack. He grabbed the knife from Heenan and sliced up the manager's face. Bobby was rushed to the hospital where it took 35 stitches and a transfusion to save his life ... Lou Albano swapped the contracts of the Valiant brothers for Bobby Heenan's Blackjacks, Lanza and



Jack Brisco applies a leglock on Bob Roop in a scientific match in West Palm Beach. Weeks later, in Tampa, Roop tried to take advantage of Bob Backlund by wrestling outside of the rules.

Mulligan. Albano also signed Bugsy McGraw... A tag team match pitting Mil Mascaras and Mighty Igor against Ivan Koloff and Bulldog Brower ended in a double-disqualification with all four wrestlers battling outside the ring... Greg Gagne and Jim Brunzell got their wish. They were granted a crack at Ray Stevens' and Nick Bock-

winkel's AWA tag team championship—with Bobby Heenan barred from ringside. It seemed as though the popular pair would come away with the belts when Gagne caught Stevens in a sleeper hold. Bockwinkel, however, interfered and the disqualification saved the belts. Even then Bockwinkel took advantage of the

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Bobby Heenan is helped back to the dressing room where an ambulance took him to a nearby hospital. Heenan needed 33 stitches and a transfusion to save his life.

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No one knows wrestling better than the fans. Because of this, we're now giving these experts a forum for their views and opinions. Each month, we'll ask a controversial question

and have the fans

answer-no matter what those answers might be!

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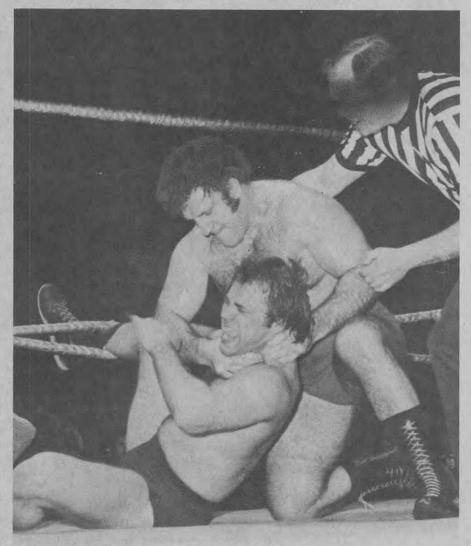
"Should two referees be assigned to every tag team match?"

THE ANSWERS:

Jim Tooney, Buffalo, New York: "No, I think any qualified wrestling ref should be able to cover all the ring action. If he's good. Too many refs allow themselves unnecessary distractions. A ref should have a wide field of vision enabling him to take in everything. No, I really believe one ref is enough."

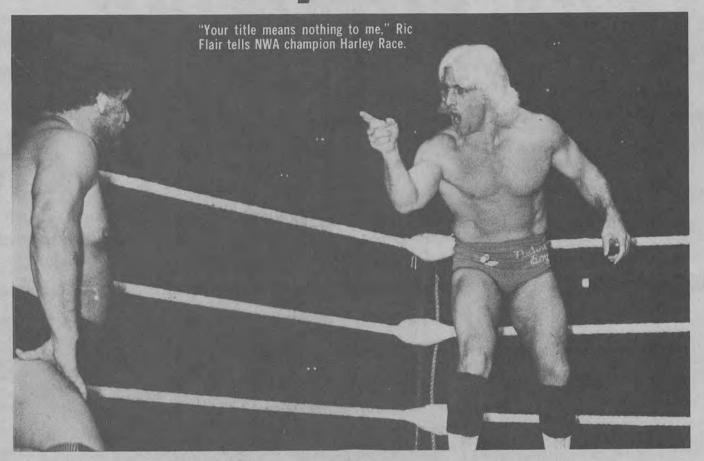
Jared Feinberg, Richmond, Virginia: "Referee's in any sport, but especially wrestling, gotta be the toughest around. Look at everything happening in a tag team, I mean, how many tag team matches stay clean? Almost none. Always a nut like Lou Albano interfering and that makes a ref's job very tough. I feel sorry for them. Who ever appreciates the ref? No one."

Alice Schmidt, Allentown, Pennsylvania: "That's a tough one for me because I have this prejudice against referees. I've been going to wrestling matches for a long time, since I was eight. I won't tell you (Continued on page 54)



Referee Dick Kroll eventually needed the assistance of Arnold Skoaland to pull Bruno Sammartino off Larry Zbyszko during their first meeting in Madison Square Garden. Perhaps two referees should have handled this match.

U.S. Champion Ric Flair:



"I DON'T NEED THE WORLD TITLE"

A T SOME POINT in every wrestler's career, a period of re-assessment becomes of paramount importance. After several grueling years, a reign as United States Heavyweight champion, Mid-Atlantic champion, a share in the NWA and Mid-Atlantic tag team titles, Ric Flair reviews his career.

"I don't need the world title," said Flair. "Titles are for inferior wrestlers, like Harley Race or Bob Backlund. Guys like them need the prestige of a belt 'cause their lives and wrestling styles are so damn dull.

"But people don't think of Ric Flair in terms of a champion or not. When my name comes up in conversation, first thing people think of is my brilliance, my toughness, and terrific looks." Flair paused for breath.

"What am I looking for out of wrestling? I don't know, that's a toughie. I do know I'm very proud of what I've accomplished in my brief time in the squared circle," said Flair. "The times I've really

Beneath the grinning, handsome face of Ric Flair pulses a man deeply concerned about other people. Unlike other wrestlers obsessed with victory and sparkling diamondstudded belts, Flair searches for a deeper, more permanent meaning in every facet of his existence cared about a title, that diamond belt ends up wrapped around my gorgeous muscular waist."

"Someone like Backlund goes berserk silly before each match. Well, I don't know about him. He's talented and all, but he gets too worked up over the belt. Listen, man, a title is only a bunch of words strung together and held there by a belt.

"I don't require titles and stuff for my ego satisfaction. There's lots of ways for me to feel good about myself, my life, and my world without parading around like some loud-mouthed jackass boasting about this belt or that, how many times I've been champion. Hey, doesn't Harley Race ever realize he had to keep losing the belt to regain it four times?"

Flair grabbed a scrapbook off the coffee table.

"Okay, so I paste up important events from my career," said Flair. "But if you look through this," he flipped pages, "you'll see a lot of bouts marked for special attention had little to do, if anything, with a world title.

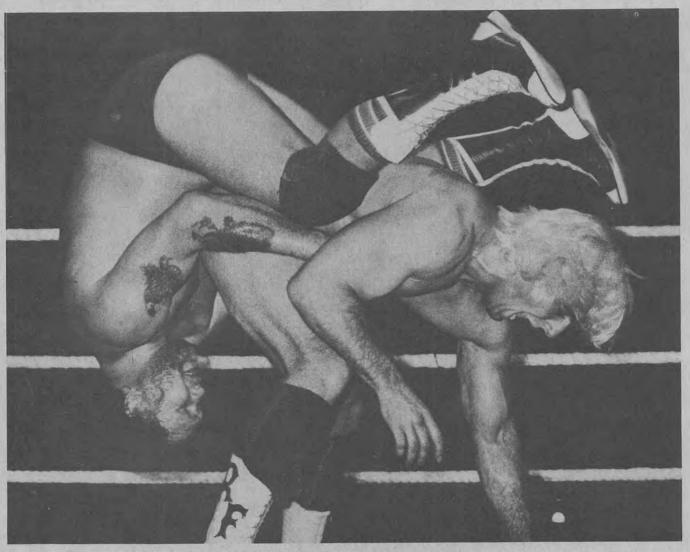
"Like this one," Flair grabbed a newspaper article recounting an especially vicious bout against Rick Steamboat. "Man, me and Rick used to go at it." Flair whistled, then broke into a boyish chuckle. "Now we're good buddies. That's the important aspect of that feud, dig? Two good-looking talented dudes battering heads until one day we wake up and see how damn stupid and futile the whole gig was.

"A friend like Rick Steamboat's worth a dozen diamond belts to me. Damn straight about that." Flair flipped more pages.

"Another time, well, this wasn't a bout I'd remember with fondness, more like real sadness," Flair's voice dipped. "An old pal of mine from my rulebreaking days wouldn't listen to reason. Don't know if the wrestling public realizes how immensely talented Greg



Flair uses the ropes to add momentum to his kneedrops. Race took much punishment in this title defense. Though Flair failed to wrestle the title away from Race, he walked away from this match with satisfaction.





Valentine is.

"He had everything needed to become a great, great grappler. And he just tossed the whole ball of wax away by succumbing to

Ric backdrops Race after flinging him into the ropes (above). The champion fails to pull Flair out of the ring (left), but successfully flips his challenger (below).



primitive, evil desires. Hell, I understood where he's coming from. All of us have dark thoughts and violent fits. Some more than others. But you gotta control those

impulses and channel them toward positive goals.

"Greg never realized that. Pity. Can't forget the heavy heart in my gut when I walked through the ropes and met Valentine," said Flair. For a brief moment he stared fixedly at the picture, fingers squeezing and slightly crumpling the heavy cardboard paper. He sighed, shook his head as if to rid his saddened soul of the awful memory, and forced a smile.

"There's more to life than winning or losing," said Flair. "Fans must realize that. Not everyone can win. At some point in our lives, you lose. You gotta understand that it's how you go about playing or working or studying that counts, the people you help, the things you fight for. If you do all those things, really give a damn, then winning and titles mean very little."

How popular is the rising young star the Jamaica Kid? Well he's so popular his fans don't even give him time to take a vacation in his native country **Exclusive Photos By Tony Lanza** FASTEST WRESTL



ENNY HURST DOESN'T wrestle in Jamaica anymore! To wrestling fans down in that Caribbean country, Lenny is just another homebred wrestler who once worked the local arenas.

It isn't that Hurst doesn't like to wrestle in his homeland. It isn't that the fans don't want to see him. It's just that Lenny Hurst is now so busy wrestling in other parts of the world, in fact, all over the world, that he just doesn't get time to get back to where he started

just a few short years ago.

So you say you've never heard of Lenny Hurst? The name just doesn't strike a bell? You mean you've never heard of a young wrestler who was formerly a Jamaican amateur and who now is fast building a reputation as one of the speediest, most acrobatic wrestlers to come upon the scene?

Maybe that's because you don't know Lenny Hurst by that name.

A spectacular flying dropkick sends The Spiderman on a trip that'll take him over the ropes and into the seats!



A fashionable dresser, "The Kid" (above) poses for photographers. Up, up and away (below). Fidel Castillo's getting a taste of The Kid's flying Jamaican body press.

Maybe that's because you don't know he is the Jamaica Kid!

The Jamaica Kid. It seems that it takes longer to say that name than for this unbelievably fast grappler to whip across from one side of the ropes to the other and back again.

Maybe a name like the Zip Kid or the Whiz Kid would be more descriptive. Because if there's one thing about the Jamaica Kid that makes him stand out from the rest it's this. The Jamaica Kid is fast. Damn fast!

Even Edouard Carpentier, a man with a fantastic reputation for his athletic prowess and tremendous speed, has this to say about the Jamaica Kid:

"I saw him wrestle for the first time up in Montreal and I was very impressed. I thought at first he was just a new face. But this is a wrestler who stands out from the crowd. He has that certain stuff that shows a potential for greatness. He has a self-assurance that makes the audience relax and know that no matter what kind of trouble he gets into, he'll get out of it.

"He's fast. He's sure-footed. And he's dynamic. I'm not saying the Jamaica Kid has perfected his style but he's well on his way.

Nice praise from a wrestler with a reputation like Carpentier's. But not the only praise the Jamaica Kid has gotten.

To understand why the praise is overflowing you've got to see him in action. Like during his hard-fought battle with Don Serrano in Montreal.

The double wristlocks that had these men entangled kept the audience on edge for almost three full minutes. Each of them was showing the strain of an extremely exhausting hold, but neither would let go, until finally the Jamaica Kid made it unbearable for Don

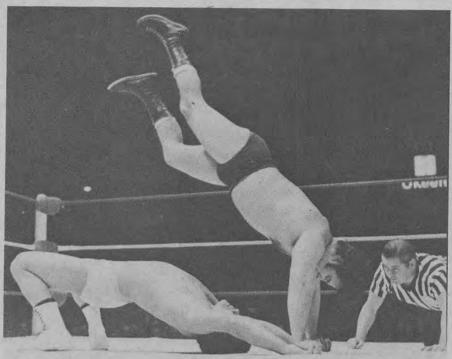
Serrano looked like he had the match when he lifted the Jamaica Kid up, swung him around, and sent him flying to the other side of the mat. But it seemed that instead of giving the Kid ideas about giving up, it reminded him of his great liking for flight through the air—either into the other opponent with such force that he knocks him over, or by sending the other wrestler flying out of the ring.

This time it wound up in the latter case. The Kid lifted Serrano off the mat and carried him while picking up speed until he launched him almost like a rocket into the ropes. Just inches more and Serrano would have been in the front rows.

Fidel Castillo thought he had it made when he pressed the Kid up over his head like a giant barbell. But this Raul Castillo is about to get a foot in the mouth as The Kid flies high on his way to certain victory.







A perfect bridge (above) will force Rudy Kay to change his plans-'cause Jamaica's not going to be caved in! Fidel Castillo's arm is gonna ache momentarily as The Kid comes flying down on it (below).



didn't scare off the Jamaica Kid, who came back like he was jet propelled. matches in Montreal featured the After knocking Fidel to the mat, he bounced up and down like a rubber ball while holding his opponent in a fierce armlock.

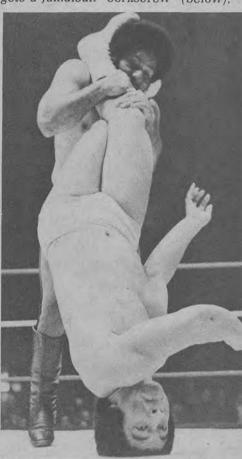
thought the Kid was a goner after he slammed him into the canvas head first. But by a sudden reverse Raoul found himself in a scissors hold and barely unable to breathe. Scarcely a minute later Raoul was flat on his back and the Jamaica Kid was using Castillo's feet to support his springing trapeze artist without a trapeze. He up and down onto Raoul's stomach!

One of the most action-packed Jamaica Kid and Pierre LeFebure against the Spidermen. When the Spidermen kept double teaming the Kid, he and Pierre got involved in a Fidel's brother Raoul Castillo dual attack against the masked villains. The Kid launched himself off Pierre in a lightning like Johnny-On-The-Pony move and trapped the Spidermen in the ropes!

> But that was just one moment of the match. Throughout, the Jamaica Kid was flying through the air like some sent the Spidermen flying by lifting they say fast, they mean FAST!



Jamaica's tag team partner, Pierre Lefebvre, helps him "guillotine" The Spiderman (above). Raul Castillo gets a Jamaican "corkscrew" (below).



them bodily and sending them on their way or by dropkicking them into obliv-

And this type of exciting wrestling seems to be repeated wherever the Jamaica Kid goes. No wonder why the Kid has been dubbed one of the fastest-rising young wrestlers in the

And with the Jamaica Kid, when

MR. WRESTLING II:

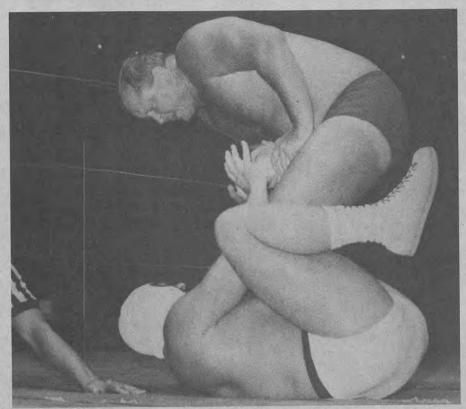
"WHEN DID DORY FUNK JR.
BECOME MY ENEMY?"

R. WRESTLING II folded his hands and stared off toward some spot on the greenish-blue walls.

"I'll give you two examples which'll really convey my past relationships with Terry and Dory Funk Jr., and why I'm hurt by Dory's savage actions," said II.

"Whenever I'd wrestle Terry, the bout would turn into this roughhouse brawling kind of match. He never liked me and rebuffed all my efforts at friendship. You don't have to hate the man you're wrestling. One time we passed each other on the street, he muttered something, I retorted, and before long there were two squad cars keeping us apart," recalled II.

"Absolutely no respect existed between us. On the other hand, Dory and I had this relationship which allowed us to respect each other as wrestlers and men. While



Their matches have always been hard-fought, long, and evenly-matched. But there were always signs of respect between the two. Dory Funk Jr. has apparently lost that respect. Funk attempts a spinning toehold (above).

Life leads men down strange, perilous paths. Even mutual respect cannot survive the ravages of jealousy and personal ambition. Dory Funk Jr. and Mr. Wrestling II once respected and liked each other, however grudgingly. No more

our bouts were far from tranquil, we never put down the other or resorted to cheap, filthy tricks. They were tough and clean bouts. And afterwards, we'd run into each other and be nice, say hello, 'wasn't that a helluva match,' you know what I mean," said II, smiling tightly.

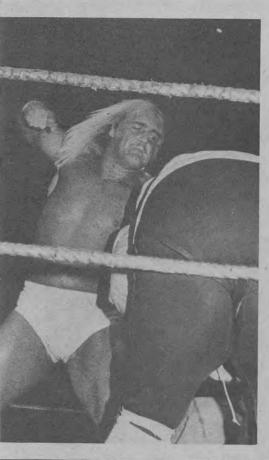
"All of a sudden, Dory comes into Atlanta and mouths off. Takes cheap shots left and right. What happened? Why would Dory say those things and turn our matches into disgusting alley fights? When did Dory Funk Jr. become my enemy?"

Two factors contribute to the marked decline in the Dory Funk-Mr. Wrestling II relationship. One is quite obvious.

"I don't like any fool pounding (Continued on page 56)



Funk contemplates his next move after being caught in Wrestling II's armbar. The intensity that marked their bouts in the past has been replaced by Funk's hatred and cruelty.





Recently a group of top scientific writers gathered to discuss one of wrestling's most puzzling questions: Is Fred Blassie aiding or ruining Hulk Hogan's career. The consensus opinion may shock you

Hulk Hogan works over Gorilla Monsoon in a battle of super heavyweights at Madison Square Garden (left). Many feel that Hogan should be wearing the WWF championship belt by now, but he is being ill-advised by his manager, Fred Blassie (right).

IS FRED BLASSIE RUINING HULK HOG

PAUL QUINN dragged deeply on a filtered cigarette, glanced at the three glossy photos of Hulk Hogan and shook his head.

"Damned if I can understand why this guy isn't champion of the WWF," said Quinn, twitching as a loud disco song blared from the jukebox in the corner of the paneled plush writers' bar on the west side of Manhattan. Quinn sipped his drink and waved over the waitress.

"Maggie, do me a favor." Quinn

pulled out a bill. "Drop some coins into the machine and play us some Maynard Ferguson and Miles Davis, huh? Enough of this." Quinn jerked his head toward the trembling jukebox.

Maggie smiled and shuffled away. In a few moments the pounding horn of Ferguson filled the bar. Quinn and the four other wrestling writers grinned and popped pretzels into their mouths.

"I think Blassie's ruining the guy," said Gary Morgenstein.



AN'S GAREER?

"Hogan's got incredible talent, size, whatever you're looking for in a pro wrestler, Hogan's it. Okay, maybe he's not Einstein upstairs, but he should be getting title shot after title shot, especially with that talent."

"Wouldn't be the first time Blassie put the hooks into a career and flung it overboard," said Matt Brock, lighting one cigarette with the dying embers of another. "Look what he did to Victor Rivera. I always felt Rivera shoulda been one of the all-time greats. "Pound for pound, Rivera has more talent than anyone, including Sammartino. Yet Blassie twisted his head around and suddenly Rivera doesn't know what the hell he's doing. Kinda sad."

"Blassie almost hypnotizes wrestlers," said Stu Saks. He winced and waved his head through the cloud of cigarette smoke. "You guys wanna blow in the other direction?"

"I don't think it has so much to

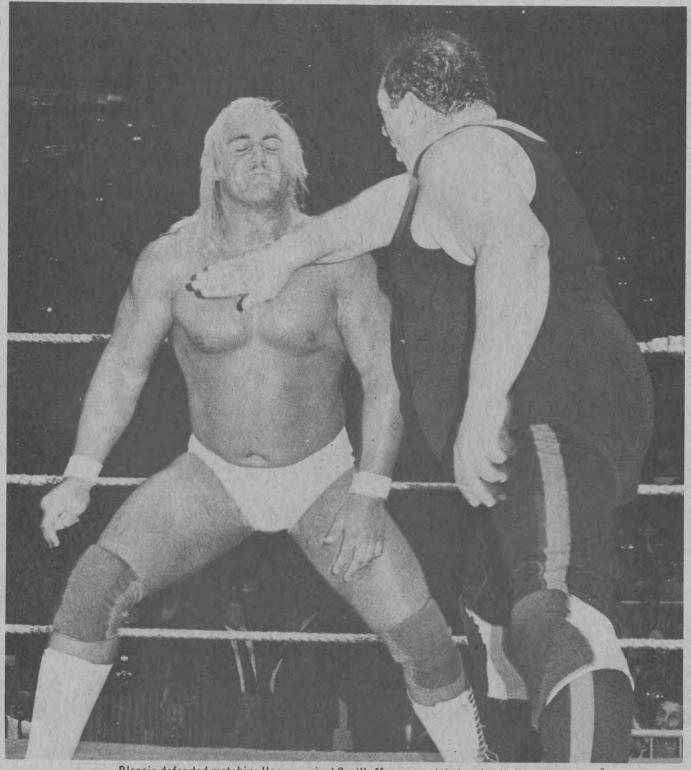
do with whether a guy is intelligent," said Bill Apter, tapping his fingers rhythmically to Ferguson's rendition of "Birdland." I think Hogan's pretty smart and . . ."

"Guy can't count, Bill," said Brock.

"So?"

"What do you mean, so? Need to figure out how to get from the dressing room to the ring," snapped Brock.

"Then he'll ask Fred," replied



Blassie defended matching Hogan against Gorilla Monsoon, claiming that Hulk needed the experience of matching up against a man that equalled his strength. Monsoon lands a karate chop to Hogan's throat (above).

Apter.

"That's the point," said Morgy.
"He has to ask Blassie everything.
Hogan has no mind of his own anymore, assuming he ever had more than steamed cauliflower. If he'd had some good, solid guidance, even someone like Skoaland, who is less emotional than a Blassie, Hogan might very

well be WWF champion."

"I don't know about that," said Saks, shaking his head and coughing.

"Don't think he's that good?" asked Quinn.

"I don't know," said Saks. "He has the physical dimensions, but you have to have the guile and the mind to plot the strategy. I think a

manager's strategy is very overrated. A classic example is Heenan and Bockwinkel. Whatever Heenan would say about this brilliant strategy or that kind, he still needed an intelligent enough wrestler to implement the strategy. I don't know if Hogan has that sort of intellect."

"I don't think it has anything to



After reversing Monsoon's whip across the ring (above), Hogan follows up with a series of stomps (right).

do with intelligence, Stu," said Brock. "I think instinct is much more important. Hogan has the tough instincts. He knows what to do between the ropes. Yet Blassie's filled him with so much stupid strategy and hateful thoughts that, once in trouble, Hogan thinks instead of reacting."

"If Hogan relied totally on pure brute strength and his instincts, like Matt suggests, he could overpower people," said Morgy, finishing his drink.

"What about Andre?" asked Apter.

"Yeah?" asked Brock.

"He can overpower people, but he doesn't."

"Andre's constrained by inner decency," said Brock. "I always wondered whether Andre had the killer instinct any great wrestler needs. Hogan does have that killer instinct but fails to use it. And I blame Blassie for that."

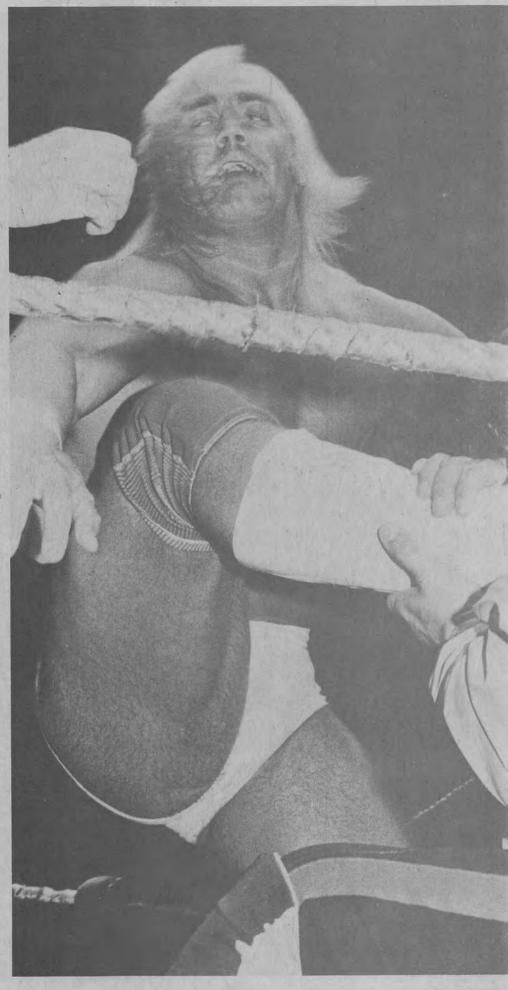
"So we agree Blassie might ruin Hogan's career?" asked Morgy.

"Absolutely," said Brock. "Next round's on me."

"No, let me get it," said Apter.

"Okay," Brock said, grinning.

"Uh, could you lend me some money?" Apter begged. □



MARK LEWIN:



IS DARK BROWN eyes clear for a few moments at a time. In these precious seconds of mental clarity, Mark Lewin acts like any other decent human being. He speaks precisely without obscene taunts. He doesn't physically menace people. He speaks in complete sentences, not deranged fragments.

It lasts for a short while. Then it is gone. Lewin reverts back to his barbaric, insane state. Is Mark Lewin naturally a nice guy and simply under some

hypnotic spell?

"Nothing wrong with me," snarled Lewin. "Only problems with bums who can't take a good shot to the head. I make them crazy. I ain't crazy."

While in Texas, Lewin teamed with fiery Gino Hernandez. Both were managed by Gary Hart, as cruel a ring general as ever lived.

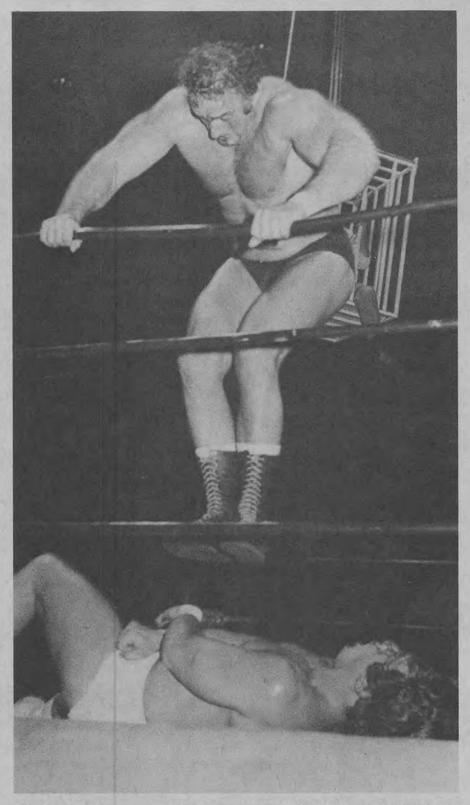
"Hart's a bum," said Lewin.

Jealousy comes between the best of friends. When Lewin finally split with Hart and Hernandez, promoters drooled at the prospect of their inevitable bout.

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than pulling off one of Lewin's ears and mailing it back to his Aunt Bertie," said Hart.

Hart, Hernandez, and Lewin had the opportunity for vengeance. With Hart suspended in a steel cage above the ring, Hernandez and Lewin battled in a brutal bout. Once Lewin defeated Hernandez, it was Hart's turn to make good on his vengeful vows.

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With his former manager, Gary Hart, hovering above the ring in a cage, Mark Lewin appears to be in complete control of his actions. Though those actions are brutal, the fans are given the opportunity to see the real Mark Lewin.

First Texas wrestling suffered the deranged antics of Mark Lewin. He left a field of broken bodies and battered brains across the entire state. In Georgia, Lewin continues his barbaric behavior. Yet Lewin can be saved and returned to the scientific wrestling world.

Super Destroyer's Boast:

'MR. FLORIDA IS AN IMPOSTER"

ARRIVING AT THE arena, Super Destroyer seemed calm and relaxed for a man about to wrestle. It seemed stranger when one realized he'd be wrestling a man who vowed to end his career, Mr. Florida.

In the dressing room, Super Destroyer casually suited up. He didn't change a shoelace that broke; instead he tied it a few eyelets down.

"Easiest money I ever made," the masked grappler told friends. "I walk into the arena, Mr. Florida fails to show, and then I walk back out. What a way to earn a living!"

Fifteen minutes before his scheduled match, the promoter went to Super Destroyer.

"I don't care how much you hate his guts," the promoter said, "but I don't want you guys to go crazy outside the ring."

"What are you talking about? Mr. Florida won't show."

"Tell that to the guy in the other dressing room. He wants your head on a silver platter."

Super Destroyer was thunderstruck. "He can't be here! He can't be. His eye was burned. I burned it! He can't wrestle blind!"

"He's got a patch over the eye.

The rest of him is 100 percent perfect—and mean."

Super Destroyer quickly changed his attitude. He made sure everything was perfect. His mind raced to devise new



Super Destroyer rakes his fingernails across the back of Mr. Florida, who still wears a patch over his burnt left eye.

strategies. This couldn't be happening.

In the ring, he stared hard at his masked foe. All of a sudden, he broke out into a grin. "He's not Mr. Florida!" Super Destroyer shouted. "He's an imposter!"

At the bell, Super Destroyer rushed from his corner. Mr. Florida sent him sprawling. Stunned, Super Destroyer got slowly to his feet. He didn't know who was behind the mask, but he sure didn't like him.

The match grew more brutal and ugly. Super Destroyer couldn't figure out what was going on. Enraged, Super Destroyer went at his foe with unleashed ferocity. It was a brutal exhibition of wrestling savagery.

Neither man was looking to pin the other. They wanted the brawl to last as long as possible. Mr. Florida was as vicious as the rules allowed. Super Destroyer was far more vicious than any rule could allow. Fans were standing on their feet, cheering.

It was almost inhuman how they kept up the ferocious pace. Certainly, their bodies had to be in agony. Yet, they never showed the slightest weariness. Driven by rage, they kept going at each other, inflicting pain as much as possible.

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Is this the idle boast of a vengeful, sick mind? Or should some credence be accorded Super Destroyer's frightful words? Since arriving in the area, Mr. Florida has confronted many challenges. None quite as menaceful as this



Everyone knew, and feared, one day an apartment house wrestling match would go out of control. Some day two girls would pass the point of no return, uncaring of their own safety and determined to totally destroy their foe. Such a day finally arrived

THE SUN POURED through the window, its rays illuminating Lynn's face. The brunette's features appeared harsh in the bright light. She cursed softly under her breath and pulled the blanket over her head.

Five years ago, Lynn would get up with the dawn and race to the beach. Then, California was the best of all possible worlds. Surf during the day and wealthy young men to entertain her at night. There was no reason to think it would ever end.

Then Lynn discovered the reasons. Money grew short, new and younger faces filled the beaches, and those that remained grew old on alcohol, drugs, and fear of aging. Lynn knew she would have to go on to something else or become one of those pathetic middleage creatures whom she once laughed at.

So Lynn got a job as a cocktail waitress in a place where men go with women they don't want their wives to hear about. The tips were generous, the work was fast but light, and if a woman didn't care that the

younger girls made the most money, everything was fine. Lynn couldn't understand why she was angry all the time.

This morning, Lynn needed her sleep. It was going to be a big night. Tonight, she wouldn't be a waitress. She'd be an apartment wrestler. It was the only fun she got out of life these days.

The alarm went off at 11 a.m. Lynn would exercise a bit, eat a large meal at about one, and then rest. That was the usual routine, and it worked so far. This was Lynn's 10th match. She was looking forward to the day when she'd lose count.

She was also looking forward to tonight's match. Her opponent would be a young blonde fresh from Arizona. Grew up on a ranch, they said, a great big ranch her daddy owned. Now she was in Los Angeles, looking forward to new thrills, new excitement, new everything.

The lady's name was Brooke. Lynn hated her on general principle. She had begged to get Brooke as her opponent. This would be the blonde's third match. Usually, it would take at least eight matches before a woman would be ready for Lynn. But there was something about Brooke's recklessness that made people think she could handle anything. So they made the match.

Lynn put on her warm-up suit and started her stretching exercises. Her long, lithe body responded like a finely tuned instrument. As the sweat dripped down the curves of her frame, Lynn knew there was no reason to be humble. There was not an ounce of fat on her body, and every muscle was hard and strong. Tonight would be something special.

Lunch was a feast. When she ate alone, Lynn forgot she was supposed to be a civilized human being. She tore at her steak and wild rice like a lioness devouring its kill. When asked to describe how she drank red wine, Lynn once said, "Say I slosh it down. And if I don't, I mean to."

After lunch, Lynn lay down on her bed and watched soap operas. She lapsed in and out of sleep, her mind conjuring

Apartment Wrestling Confrontation: VIOLENT BEAUTIES IN UNAVES OF





Brooke is not giving Lynn a tango lesson. They are waging violent war, and at this point, a breathless Lynn is almost ready for an unconditional surrender.

absurd images in that halfwaking state. One image that recurred often was Brooke's face, screaming in agony. Lynn was never more relaxed.

About 25 miles away, Brooke lay on a beach blanket, soaking up sun. Two of the better surfers were flipping a coin to see who'd buy her lunch. Brooke adored men to fight for her attention. She also adored fighting for men's attention. That's why she became an apartment wrestler.

The surfers had no idea the object of their affections was an apartment wrestler. Brooke liked to keep her different worlds separate. Surfers were toys she used to amuse herself. Apartment wrestling allowed her to be admired by "important men." Brooke closed her eyes and remembered what her father said about important men.

"Always take important men seriously," he said, "because they can help you. And if you don't take them seriously, they get angry. Then they'll hurt you. A man is only as important as the amount of fear he makes other people feel. But if he likes you, there's no limit. Important men can be very generous. After all, they're important enough to make other people pay for their generosity."

While the taller surfer was allowed to take Brooke to lunch, the voluptuous blonde had her mind on the evening's excitement. She wondered which bikini to wear, her hairstyle, and makeup. She had to be splendid. Brooke loved it when she was splendid.

That night, both women arrived at the Beverly Hills mansion early. The butler led them to a private room where they dressed and relaxed. Brooke moved easily within the plush surroundings, as if luxury was her due. Lynn greedily

enjoyed every advantage, like a slum child allowed to gorge in a bakery shop.

The mansion living room also filled up early. There was the usual conversation involving the usual millions, but no one seemed particularly interested. The anticipation of Lynn's savagery pitted against Brooke's reckless conceit made all other considerations seem unimportant.

The two women were summoned. The spectators quickly took their seats. Perhaps a few thousand dollars was bet on the outcome. The moment was at hand.

From across the room, the two women glared at each other. Lynn was all tension, every muscle straining to be set free for the attack. Brooke stood loose and calm, the supreme picture of self-confidence. The two waited impatiently for the signal to begin. It was given.

Lynn rushed at her foe. Brooke assumed she could easily sidestep the clumsy onslaught. However, at the last possible moment, Lynn twisted in a deadly pirouette. She spun and smashed her elbow hard into Brooke's chin. The blonde went down as if shot. Some assumed the match would be over in less than a minute. They counted on neither Brooke's will nor Lynn's cruelty.

Lynn grabbed Brooke around the knees and hoisted the blonde upside down. Then, she began to bounce Brooke on the head. The blonde suffered three thumps before grabbing Lynn's calf with her teeth. The brunette screamed as the teeth dug deep in the flesh. She quickly released her hold on Brooke.

The blonde leaped to her feet. Though her legs were a little wobbly, Brooke was ready for action. She carefully approached Lynn, whose teeth were



Lynn disturbs Brooke's perfect facial features with a well-placed left to her jaw. As the action picked up, the exhausted combatants fought on instinct only.

clenched and bared. Then, as if propelled by some unknown force, Brooke lunged at Lynn, driving her head hard into the brunette's belly.

The two women tumbled to the carpet. Lynn had managed not to have the wind knocked out of her, so she had plenty of fight left. The two beauties locked together and rolled across the carpet. Their arms and legs were a whirlwind of action as they punched, clawed, and kicked. Every inch of their bodies was either giving or receiving pain. Watching them heave and twist was astonishing. The spectacular action couldn't go on forever. Something had to happen.

No one is quite sure how it happened, but Brooke found herself atop Lynn. The blonde quickly took advantage of the situation, wrapping her fingers around the brunette's tanned throat. One could hear Lynn's desperate gurgling for air. Her eyes grew wide with rage and terror. Her lithe body heaved and squirmed like a snake in its death throes. And like a snake about to strike, her fingers flew into Brooke's golden tresses.

The next thing anyone knew, there ws a howl of agony from Brooke as she rolled away. No one knew why until later in the match, when slight red streaks began to discolor her hair. Then

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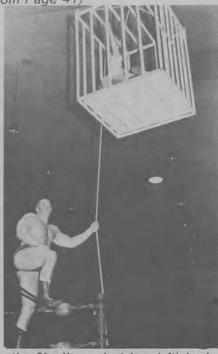


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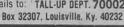
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Hart is in no condition to help his bloody wrestler, Gino Hernandez (above left). Lewin, the victor, lowers the cage (above right) and attacks Hart until Hernandez recovers sufficiently to aid his manager (below).

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'Cowardly bum," said Lewin. "I know Hart's weakness. Hit him hard. Guy can't stand pain. Starts cryin' like a little baby."

Hart and Lewin wrestled like wounded animals. Rules and regulations vanished. Hatred became the guiding principle.

"I want him stretched out." said Lewin.

"Only a bloody corpse would satisfy me," said Hart.

Both nearly achieved their sadistic goals. However, the violent nature of the match seems secondary to the essential question concerning Lewin's character. Why would someone with his skills succumb to hypnotic spells by



men like The Great Mephisto and Gary Hart? Is Lewin simply weak-willed? Is Lewin basically a bum eager to wreak havoc upon all living things?

When apart from a crazy manager for any period of time, Lewin's ring behavior changes. leading to a tentative conclusion of Lewin's insanity. He won't admit it, but study the man.

Against Superstar Billy Graham, Lewin conducted classes in the finer techniques of scientific wrestling combined with refined brawling.

"I wrestle the way I want. No one tells me how to wrestle." insisted Lewin.

A proud man, Lewin resents inferences that any manager hypnotizes him and controls his intelligent mind. That Lewin's as intelligent as he is and still susceptible to hypnotism suggests he subconsciously wishes domination.

"Some wrestlers are afraid of controlling their own fate," said one veteran wrestling promoter in the Texas area. "A guy like Lewin might be terrified of setting up his own strategy. That's why he seeks out the worst kind of managers, the real nuts, to help him.

"I always thought Lewin had the scientific wrestling knowhow to be one of the real fine grapplers around, maybe even a world champion, who knows? But I'll say he won't go anywhere until he takes back command of his life."

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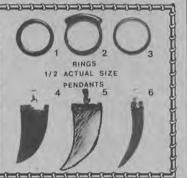
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Super Destroyer

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Super Destroyer works on Mr. Florida's back by locking up his chin (above) and kneeing him along the ropes (below).



Finally, the buzzer sounded. The match was over. The two men looked sad! They wanted to continue. The promoter, who didn't want to see either permanently crippled, commanded them to leave the arena.

Twenty minutes later, Super Destroyer held a press conference. His eyes through the slits of the mask were filled with cruel delight.

"I want it known," he began, that I didn't wrestle the man



Mr. Florida takes the advantage outside the ring. Super Destroyer cannot believe that Mr. Florida could have come back from his eye injury so soon. He insists the man he wrestled is an imposter.

known as Mr. Florida. I wrestled an imposter. I knew I drove that masked bum out of wrestling. The creep probably has a franchise going. There may be 100 of the bums running around. The guy I wrestled tonight wasn't the guy who got accidentally burned by a cigar in a previous match with me."

"Do you have any proof?"

"No one could wrestle after being burned like Mr. Florida was. When I do a job, I do it right!"

"We thought it was an accident."

Super Destroyer took a deep breath. He knew he'd gone too far. "What I meant was . . ." he began but couldn't think of a good excuse. "That's not important, anyway. What's important is that Mr. Florida is an imposter. Don't you guys care about things like that. Aren't you supposed to tell people the truth?"

"He looked like Mr. Florida to us."

"He can't be! I burned him too badly. He couldn't come back. Ever! Do you hear me?"

The reporters looked at each other. Was this another lie from Super Destroyer? Or did the masked grappler really believe there was another Mr. Florida?

No one could tell for sure. But whoever was calling himself Mr. Florida will surely get his hands on Super Destroyer again!

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disqualification rule. NWA RATINGS: 1-Jack Brisco: 2-Baba the Giant; 3-Harley Race; 4-Dory Funk Jr.; 5-Paul Jones; 6-The Sheik; 7-Terry Funk; 8-Johnny Valentine; 9-Jerry Lawler; 10-Jose Lothario. WWF RATINGS: 1-Bruno Sammartino; 2-Mongolian Stomper; 3-George Steele: 4-Waldo Von Erich: 5-Spiros Arion; 6-Chief Jay Strongbow; 7-Ivan Putski; 8-Bugsy McGraw; 9-Victor Rivera: 10-Gorilla Monsoon.



Baba the Giant was moved into the number one challenger's spot in the NWA for a series of major victories in Japan.

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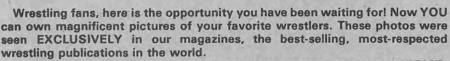
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TLANTA, GA-Weep, wrestling fans. Mr. Wrestling II lost the Champion of Champions Trophy to NWA champion Harley Race in a bout characterized by excessive brawling.

"No, I don't like that masked moron and I'm damn proud to say why," snapped Race. "Guy like that infuriates me. He shouldn't be allowed to get any matches."

II's reaction appeared more subdued, almost despondent.

"Well, I'll say I'm depressed about losing this trophy," said II. "This award meant a lot to me and I like to think I honored the meaning behind the award. Unfortunately, someone like Harley Race will only disgrace the award and totally ignore the love and honor behind it.



MR. WRESTLING II

"But I don't want my fans thinking I'm giving up," said II, lips pursed. "I'll regain my belt or perish in the effort."

-B.W. Foreman

Houston, TX—Texas fans view Johnny Valiant's invasion of the state with a mixture of apprehension and glee. Yet Texas promoter Paul Boesch insists "Luscious" John represents a serious threat to the top mat stars.



JOHNNY VALIANT

"Wrestlers better watch out for Valiant," said Boesch. "He's tough and mean and very, very smart. By linking up with Gino Hernandez and Gary Hart, Valiant's made one of the smartest decisions in his entire career."

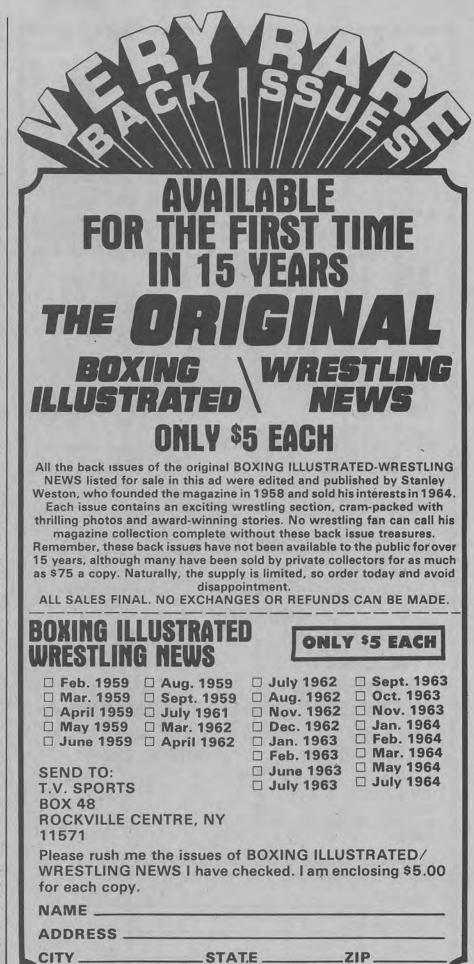
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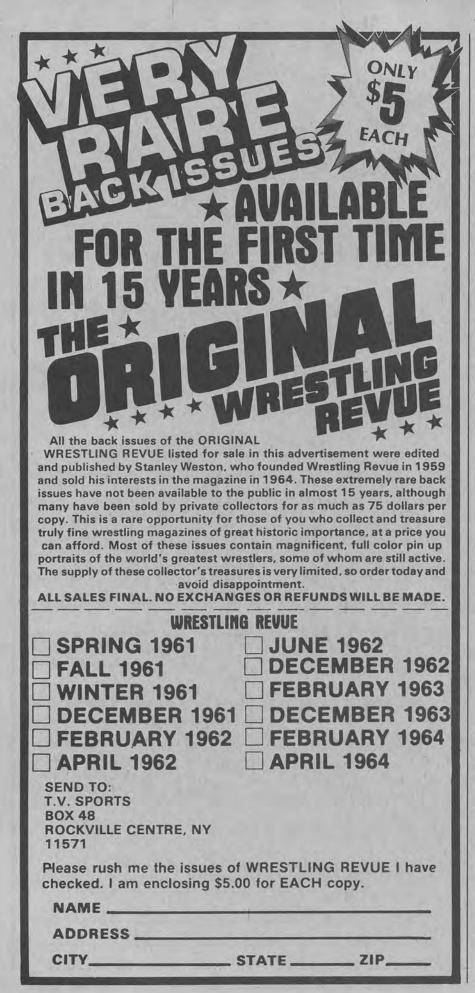
NEW YORK, NY—Larry Zbyszko waited a long, long time for this moment.

"A title shot," said Zbyszko, sighing. "Nothing like a title shot. I suffered a great deal to get into a position like this. After years of Sammartino stabbing me in the back, I've arrived. Truly and completely. Fans respect me and acknowledge my talents.

"I know how terrified Backlund was before this match. And he has every reason to be frightened. I'm the best wrestler in the world, and I'm finally earning my just rewards," concluded Zbyszko.

-Allison Cory □





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how long that is. But, anyway, I always see the referee favoring the bad guys. All the time. And I'm tired of watching Dominic DeNucci's head opened like a can of fruit cocktail because the ref doesn't see the illegal object. So if two referees will help, I'm all for it." Jim Lentine, St. Louis, Missouri: "I think the problem isn't two refs but preventing former wrestlers or even current wrestlers from refereeing matches. I think they can't maintain any kind of objectivity. Many of them still brood over rivalries or plain jealousies and that affects their performance as a professional referee. But I just want to say that, by and large, referees do a heckuva job in a very difficult position."



Perhaps a second referee could be utilized to make sure managers do not interfere in matches.

Catherine Hessler, Freeport, New York: "Never forget the first time I ever saw a wrestling match, oh, musta been maybe 30 years ago. And there was this wrestler with a strange-shaped head called The Angel. I'll never forget that. And this poor referee ran around the ring until I thought he'd fall down and die, trying to keep up with things. Yes, indeed, as many refs as needed. Even my grandson agrees and he knows wrestling."

Nick Bockwinkel has been known to conceal his rulebreaking tactics from the one referee.

David Huppert, Tampa, Florida: "The way men like Nick Bockwinkel and Ernie Ladd cheat, either in a tag team or an individual match, two refs might not do the job. Rulebreakers perfect methods of getting the referee's attention away from their cheating. If you had two refs, one could always watch the action and the other watch for any illegal stunts."



Two referees have been used to maintain order in Los Angeles' 22-man battle royals.

Berta Eberling, Kansas City, Missouri: "I think a referee slows down the action in a tag team. I love watching four husky guys pulling and throwing each other around the ring. Many times a referee will stop a maneuver before it reaches a dangerous situation. If it does, so? This is wrestling. It's supposed to be tough. Anyone who can't stand the sport should look for other work."

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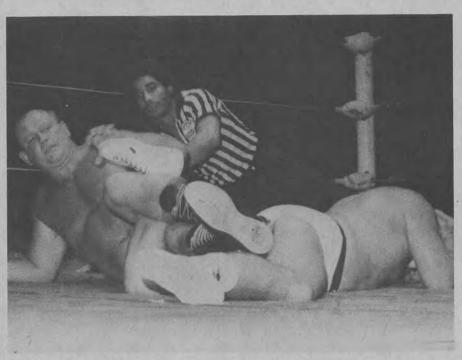
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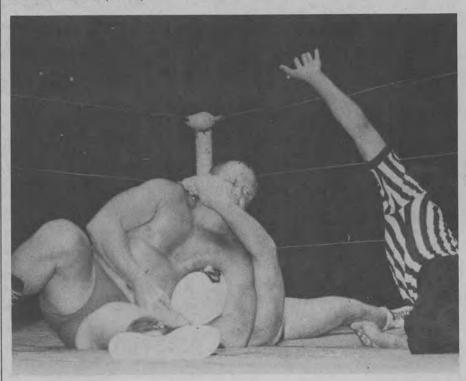
my brother Terry," snapped Dory.
"Isn't anyone around as close to me
as Terry and the Funk blood runs
thicker than a Texas river. Bet on
that, man.

"II thought he could get away with taking low blows at Terry.

Well, that day is over, finished, the end, man. From now on, II better watch his hide when he tangles with a Funk 'cause he's got two of us on his hands and one of us with hands tied behind our back could whip that creep."



Funk, a master at inflicting pain, scissors II's legs to add pressure to an overlapping toehold (above). Wrestling II clasps his hands around Funk's neck in an attempt to break a headlock (below).



Yet mere sibling loyalty fails to fully explain Dory's recent ferocious behavior. Not only against II, but in matches against Jack Brisco, Dusty Rhodes and other area wrestlers, Funk's tactics border on the mindless savagery generally found in the likes of Mark Lewin or Abdullah the Butcher.

"I don't wrestle any different than I always did," insisted Dory.

Frustration begets anger. It's been quite a while since Dory Funk Jr. held the world title and the effects of being a perennial contender may finally be exacting a fear-some toll.

Dory won't come right out and admit jealousy. Still, Dory's a proud man, enormously confident of his own abilities. Lesser men (in his opinion) winning titles must gall this talented wrestler.

"Can you tell me how someone like Race stays atop the NWA?" asked Funk. "Beats the hell outta me. And a clod like II somehow staying a fan favorite? Again, can't figure that out.

"My family traditionally ruled wrestling. Titles are my birthright and I'll be damned if any masked idiot stands in my way. Ever. I'll annihilate anyone trying to prevent me from regaining a title.

"I will be world champion again. I don't care what must be done, what sacrifices or who my opponents have to be. I'm gonna get the title back in the Funk family where it belongs. That I vow," yelled Dory.

II's reaction typifies the kind, understanding nature of this sincere, complex man.

"I kinda know what Dory's going through," said II. "It's tough always contending without tasting the sweet elixir of championship success. After a while, things build up and explode.

"Look, maybe I'm all wrong, but Dory Funk Jr. has a world of decency. I hold out my hand and promise to forget and forgive. Please tell Dory I said that."

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Now the two women were filled with rage few humans could understand. Lynn demanded nothing less than total conquest. Brooke revealed the underbelly of her conceit to be cruelty. From this moment on, it was a war to the finish.

They approached each other cautiously; two warriors respecting each other while

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A quick kick to Lynn's belly set the action in motion again. Brooke's foot flashed out again and again, landing hard against

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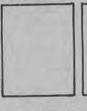










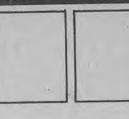


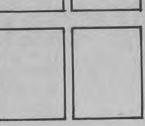


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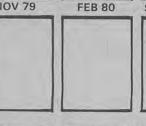


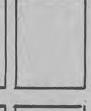


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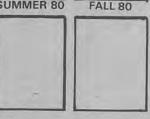












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Lynn sinks her cat-like nails into Brooke's face (above), but Brooke rolls her foe off with a hair-pull and ferociously grasps her throat (below). The advantage moved back and forth.



Lynn's belly, back, thighs, and calves. The assault seemed never ending. Lynn sank to her knees, holding her hands in front of her face.

Brooke's next move was to grab Lynn's arms and pull her forward. The brunette fell hard to the carpet, face first. Brooke leaped high, preparing to drop down hard on her victim.

Lynn's next move was perfectly timed. She instantly rolled over and raised her knees. Brooke saw what was coming but could do nothing about it. The back of her thighs smacked right into Lynn's knees. The pain was excruciating.

Brooke bounced off the knees and toppled to the carpet. Lynn was on her in an instant. Grabbing the back of Brooke's hair and the blonde's long leg, Lynn doubled her foe backwards. She held Brooke in this agonizing position for what seemed an eternity. Brooke's eyes widened in terror. She knew what would happen next.

Lynn smashed the blonde's face into the carpet. So her nose wouldn't break. Brooke twisted her head to the left and the right. But this meant tugging her hair caught fast in Lynn's grasp. Both sides of Brooke's head were being mercilessly punished.

Some say it was Brooke's brilliance that did it. Others say Lynn brought it on herself. Whatever the reasons. Brooke's heel made perfect contact with Lynn's temple. The brunette slumped, lost her hold, almost lost consciousness. Brooke rolled away, hoping to get her strength.

Both women hunched in corners, unable or unwilling to move. Their eyes flashed across the distance, trying desperately to see how badly the other was hurt. The room was silent save for their heavy breathing.

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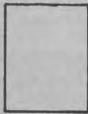












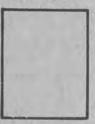
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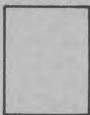
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Brooke reaches back to try to free herself from Lynn's leglock (above). The seductive blonde tries to wiggle from Lynn's clutches (below left). Brooke throws Lynn to the carpet with a hiproll (below right).



Slowly, almost as one, the two Amazons struggled to their feet.

In a sane world, the match would've been stopped there. Instead, these women were captives of their own savage universe. There could be no conclusion of their ordeal without a winner.

Their chests heaving as they gasped for breath, the two



women stumbled toward each other. When they were almost in touching distance, they stopped. There was maybe a five-second hesitation, as if they were marshalling reserves for a battle neither was sure they could survive. Some people say there was an unspoken acceptance in that look; combat bringing the

women so close as to be within each other's thoughts. They then stepped forward, almost falling into each other's arms, accepting a fate that would make one a conqueror and the other vanguished.

Their combined weights brought them toppling to the carpet. Luck commanded Lynn to hit full on the back. The pain made her body contract wildly, throwing Brooke two feet away. Both women lay motionless for several seconds, then started to move.

It was a grotesque parody of their previously graceful maneuvers. The exquisitely proportioned bodies squirmed and flopped as they crawled toward each other. As if feeding on bloodlust, they crawled more quickly as the space between them diminished. When they met, a cry erupted from them both. Then, locked in battle, they were silent.

Their motions had nothing to do with wrestling, or any kind of sport. Instinct compelled them to writhe and tear with a mindless ferocity. It was clumsy, ugly, and terrifyingly savage. That neither woman even breathed loudly added to its horrifying eeriness.

Somehow, in these wild gyrations of fury, Brooke captured Lynn in a leg scissors. The blonde's thighs squeezed with whatever strength remained in them as the top of Lynn's head could be seen between them. The brunette's lithe body squirmed and writhed in agony. Weakly, her fists beat a hapless tattoo on the blonde's legs.

Then, everything turned around. No one had noticed how agonizing it was for Brooke to keep up the pressure. Her legs began to tremble

convulsively and then snapped

Lynn rolled free. It took a couple of seconds for the brunette to realize her good fortune. She then looked at her foe. Now Brooke was caged prey; her legs unable to move other than in convulsive trembling. Lynn got to her feet. A horrible smile distorted her features. Then she leaped, her fingers aimed at Brooke's throat.

The talons hit their mark. Brooke was helpless as Lynn mercilessly squeezed. Then Lynn began bashing Brooke's head against the carpet. Lynn finally stopped when Brooke's body lay limp.



Brooke holds onto Lynn's hand and repeatedly stomps the beautiful brunette in the stomach and chest.

Lynn got to her feet, then collapsed to her knees. She crawled to the bedroom, where she lay for 11 hours. When Lynn awoke, her body was so sore she couldn't walk more than 15 feet at a time.

A doctor, one of the spectators, examined Brooke and declared there ws nothing to worry about. They carried her to bed, where she was to remain for three days.

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